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# PIQUANTS.

An absent minded gentleman intending to scratch his head in church, reached over and performed the operation for an old maid in the next pew. He discovered his mistake when he found himself defendant in an action for a breach of promise.

A time serving people—Watchmakers. A broad grin is seldom seen on a long face.

The ghost of a turkey—When he's a golden.

Does a plaster placed upon the chin become a shingle?

A cynical anomaly—that a man with no uses may have ten ants.

Vermont may have a very witty man in Saxe, but Massachusetts has a Whittier.

When a bird's wing is broken by a fowler, can it be said to have a defective flow?

A correspondent asks Shakespearean students the following question: "Whether the 'weak' invention of the enemy" was patented, and required seven days to complete it?

Did grim visage war smooch "his wrinkled front" with a flat-iron?

Would the "diamond key" that Shylock proposed to use, open the "gory locks" that Banquo shook at Macbeth?

Was Hamlet thinking of his mother-in-law when he spoke of a visage like Mars to threaten and command?

Did Richard apostrophize "Winter of our discontent" because he thought of going on a shaving excursion among his relations?

After the ghost had told Hamlet it was his father's spirit and requested him to "mark" him, would he have been justified in putting "S. T. 166" on him?

The following queer typographical blunder occurs in the Winsted Herald, the article being a communication on the recent meteoric shower, by a correspondent: "On the morning of the 14th instant, at five o'clock, as I went out to milk my cows, I observed numerous shooting stars, and I counted while milking six stars, more than one hundred and twenty cows—some small with a short tail of light, and some large and brilliant, in a stream of fire extending across the heavens for perhaps thirty degrees, and falling from southwest to northeast."

A countryman at the Astor, the other day, after taking some advice, wanted to whip the waiter for pouring salt on them plums?

A journal, speaking of the intention of an actress to play an engagement in Pittsburgh, says that city will be apt to suit her.

The man who plays at once on the trumpet, fiddle and the horn of a dilemma got his first idea of music on hearing a tramp cough, while he was trying a knot in a cord of wool.

A TOUGH MEAL—The clerk of a country church recently made the following announcement to the congregation: "You are desired to attend a meeting in the vestry at 4 o'clock, to consider on the best means of eating the church, and to digest other matters."

"You look as though you were beside yourself," as a wag said to a fellow who stood beside a donkey.

Pretty girl to Ed—"Ed, how far is it around the world? Isn't it twenty-four thousand?"

"Ed, Ed, Ed, how far is it around the globe?" "Ed, how far is it around the globe?" "Ed, how far is it around the globe?" "Ed, how far is it around the globe?"

When did Robinson Crusoe meet on the desert island? A great swell, and a little crew running inland.

An old lady who, whose memory of names is very poor, always refers to her seamstress as "Miss So and so."

Is this your house and home?" asked a peddler of a farmer, as he saw him boarding up a pigsty. No, I am only boarding here, replied the farmer.

"Employment certainly produces cheerfulness," says Bishop Hall. "I have known a man come home in high spirits from a funeral because he had the management of it."

"Remember who you are talking to, sir!" said an indignant parent to a fractious boy; "I am your father, sir!"

"Well, who's to blame for that?" said young impudence; "I'm not!"

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A duke from the anchor of hope.

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Dear eating—Venison.

A clerical error—Ritualism.

POEM.

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